This document includes major revisions to immunization requirements made in April 1999.

This chart summarizes the vaccine requirements incorporated in Title 25. Health Services, §§97.61-97.77 of the Texas Administrative Code. It is not intended as a substitute for consulting the Texas Administrative Code, which has other provisions and details.



Minimum State Vaccine Requirements for Texas Children

AGE^a VACCINE REQUIREMENT

Younger than 2 months No vaccines required

2 months through 3 months

One dose polio vaccine

One dose DTP/DTaP vaccine

One dose Hib vaccine

4 months through 5 months Two doses polio vaccine

Two doses DTP/DTaP vaccine

Two doses Hib vaccine

6 months through 11 months

Two doses polio vaccine

Two doses Hib vaccine

Three doses DTP/DTaP vaccine

12 months through 14 months

One dose MMR vaccine received on or after 1st birthday^b

Two doses Hib vaccine
Three doses polio vaccine
Three doses DTP/DTaP vaccine

(Effective 8/1/2000) One dose of varicella vaccine received on or after 1st

birthday^c

15 months through 4 years One dose MMR vaccine rece

Effective 8/1/2000 - 32 border counties:^d 2 years - one dose hepatitis A vaccine; 3 through 4 years - two doses hepatitis

A vaccine.

One dose MMR vaccine received on or after 1st birthdayb

One dose Hib vaccine on or after 15 months of age, unless a primary series and booster have been completed

Three doses polio vaccine

Four doses DTP/DTaP (Fourth dose not required until 18 months.)

(Effective 8/1/2000) One dose of varicella vaccine received on or after 1st

birthday^c

5 years through 6 years

Three doses polio vaccine including one received on or after the 4th birthday Four doses DTP/DTaP vaccine including one received on or after the 4th birthday (see note at left)

Proof of pertussis vaccination not required for children 5 years of age and older.

One dose MMR vaccine received on or after the 1st birthday^b and one additional dose of measles vaccine (this dose may be received as part of a second MMR)

Three doses hepatitis B vaccine

(Children living in 32 border counties^d) Two doses hepatitis A vaccine (Effective 8/1/2000) Children born on or after September 2, 1994 must have one dose of varicella vaccine received on or after 1st birthday^c

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AGE^a

VACCINE REQUIREMENT

7 years through 11 years

Polio vaccine not required for students 18 years of age and older.

12 years and Older

The following vaccines are required in addition to those required at age 7.

Three doses polio vaccine including one received on or after 4th birthday Three doses DTP/DTaP/Td vaccine including one received on or after 4th birthday and one dose within the last 10 years

One dose MMR vaccine received on or after 1st birthday^b. Children born on or after September 2, 1991 must have two doses of measles vaccine (this dose may be received as part of a second MMR)

Children born on or after September 2, 1992 must have three doses hepatitis B vaccine

(Children living in 32 border counties^d) Children born on or after September 2, 1992 must have two doses hepatitis A vaccine

Children born between September 1, 1978 and September 1, 1991 (inclusive) must show proof of two doses of measles vaccine within 30 days after their 12th birthday (this dose may be received as part of a second MMR)

(Effective 8/1/2000) Children born between September 2, 1988 and September 1, 1992 (inclusive) must show proof of three doses of hepatitis B vaccine within 30 days after their 12th birthday

(Effective 8/1/2000) Children born between September 2, 1988 and September 1, 1994 (inclusive) must have one dose of varicella vaccine received on or after 1st birthday^c within 30 days after their 12th birthday. If first dose is received after age 13, two doses are required.

NOTE: ^a A child/ student must meet all the immunization requirements shown for an age group upon first entering the age group.

MMR (or one dose of each of its components) must have been received on or after the 1st birthday if the vaccine was administered on or after September 1, 1990. Measles vaccine received prior to September 1, 1990 may have been administered in the calendar month of the 1st birthday.

^c Serologic proof of immunity or documentation of previous illness may substitute for vaccination. Previous illness may be documented by a written statement from a physician, school nurse or the child's/student's parent or guardian containing wording such as: "This is to verify that (name of student) had varicella disease (chickenpox) on or about (date) and does not need varicella vaccine."

^d Counties affected by the hepatitis A requirement are: Brewster, Brooks, Cameron, Crockett, Culberson, Dimmitt, Duval, Edwards, El Paso, Frio, Hidalgo, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Jim Hogg, Kenedy, Kinney, La Salle, Maverick, McMullen, Pecos, Presidio, Real, Reeves, Starr, Sutton, Terrell, Uvalde, Val Verde, Webb, Willacy, Zapata, and Zavala.

Provisional Enrollment: All immunizations should be completed by the first date of attendance. However, if this is not possible and if permitted by local school district policy, a child/student may be provisionally enrolled and allowed to attend a child-care facility or school, provided at least one immunization in each series has been received. The remaining required immunizations must be completed as soon as medically possible in order for the child/student to remain in attendance.

Documentation: Since many types of personal immunization records are in use, any document will be acceptable, provided it has been validated by a physician or public health personnel. The month, day, and year that the vaccination was received must be recorded on all school immunization records created or updated after September 1, 1991.

Source: The requirements are based on the Recommended Childhood Immunization Schedule - United States, 1999, approved by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), and the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP). Children on an ideal or optimum schedule as recommended will have received 5 doses of DTP/DTaP vaccine, 4 doses of polio vaccine, 3 or more doses of Hib vaccine, 3 doses of hepatitis B vaccine, 2 doses of MMR vaccine and 1 dose varicella vaccine by the time they enter kindergarten.